



BC City Connection

Bi-monthly newsletter for the Battle Creek community

City Manager's Corner with Rebecca Fleury



Well, it sure has not felt like fall! It feels like summer woke up! I hope that all of you have found places to stay cool. I never thought I would see a "heat day" in our schools, but certainly understand! Extreme heat cannot be taken lightly.

October is here and we look forward to pumpkins, mums, caramel apples, doughnuts and cider, and more! But we may not look forward to leaf raking and bagging...

Please remember that the city does not collect leaves. Waste Management will pick up your leaves and yard waste from the curb, as long as it is bagged properly — or in properly-marked containers — and placed at the curb on your pickup day.

With Halloween approaching, Trunk or Treat will soon be here! Be sure to get your donations in — if you'd like — and make plans to bring your little goblins and witches to this fun event on Halloween evening!

Please be sure you carefully watch for kids out and about while the weather is still good, and throughout the school year, for those students walking to and from school.

Please slow down in areas where kids are playing and walking!

I wish you all a happy and safe autumn season!



City Calendar

For more, visit www.battlecreekmi.gov and www.battlecreekvisitors.org/events.

- **Board of Appeals**, 1 p.m., City Hall: Nov. 15, Dec. 20
- **City Commission**, 7:30 p.m., City Hall: organizational meeting followed by regular meeting, Nov. 14
*Coming year meeting schedule TBD
- **Civil Service Commission**, 4 p.m., City Hall: Nov. 27
- **Dangerous Buildings**, 1 p.m., City Hall: Nov. 8
- **Historic District Commission**, 4 p.m., City Hall: Nov. 13, Dec. 11
- Historic District **petition deadline**: Nov. 22
- **Human Relations Board**, 3:30 p.m., City Hall: Nov. 15, Dec. 20
- **Planning Commission**, 4 p.m., City Hall: Nov. 15, Dec. 13
- Planning Commission **petition deadline**: Nov. 17
- **Police/Fire Retirement System Board**, 10 a.m., City Hall: Nov. 20, Dec. 18
- **Sustainable BC Committee**, 4 p.m., Dept. Public Works: Nov. 1, Dec. 6
- **Zoning Board of Appeals**, 4 p.m., City Hall: Nov. 14, Dec. 12
- Zoning Board **petition deadline**: Nov. 17, Dec. 15
- **Yard waste curbside pickup**: March 27-Dec. 1. City residents only on your regular trash day; place waste in paper bags for this purpose or clearly-marked containers.
- State general/City Commission **election**: Nov. 7. More/precinct info, battlecreekmi.gov/elections or 269-966-3348
- City offices **CLOSED** for Veterans Day: Nov. 10. Transit bus/van services & Waste Management on regular schedules.
- Battle Creek **Christmas Parade/start of Festival of Lights**: Nov. 18, downtown
- City offices **CLOSED** for Thanksgiving: Nov. 23. Transit bus/van services canceled, & Waste Management closed, with one-day delay rest of the week.
- City offices **CLOSED** for day after Thanksgiving: Nov. 24. Transit bus/van services & Waste Management on regular schedules.
- City offices **CLOSED** for Christmas holiday: Dec. 25. Transit bus/van services TBA, & Waste Management closed, with one-day delay rest of the week.
- City offices **CLOSED** for Christmas holiday: Dec. 26. Transit bus/van services TBA, & Waste Management on regular schedule.
- Curbside **fresh Christmas tree pickup**: Dec. 26 to Feb. 2. Place at curb on regular pickup day; remove all decorations.

Please note that many boards and committees, in the coming months, will approve their 2018 meeting schedules. They will be placed on our website calendar.

We're sharing Waste Tip Wednesdays on social media!

City and Waste Management staff meet, and otherwise communicate, regularly to discuss service, suggestions, and complaints, to ensure that our neighbors receive the best service possible. If you have concerns, you can email us at PublicInput@battlecreekmi.gov or call 269-966-0712. Please include your address, and know that your feedback is considered by both the city and Waste Management.

Follow us on our Facebook, Twitter, and Nextdoor accounts to get this fall's #wastetipwednesday posts. We're sharing tips and information to help make everyone's pickup day successful.





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City Clerk, 269-966-3348

Code Compliance, 269-966-3387

Fire Department administration,
195 E. Michigan Ave., 269-966-3519

Police Department, 20 N. Division
St., 269-966-3322

Non-emergency, 269-781-0911

Department of Public Works, 150
S. Kendall St., 269-966-3343

Recreation/Full Blast Fitness Center,
35 Hamblin Ave., 269-966-3431

Transit, 339 W. Michigan Ave., 269-
966-3474

Utility Billing, 269-966-3366

W.K. Kellogg Airport, 15551 S.
Airport Road, 269-966-3470

City Commission

Mayor Dave Walters, Ward 5
269-209-0626

Vice Mayor Susan Baldwin, at-large
269-963-6901

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269-420-4031

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City of Battle Creek
Battle Creek Police Department



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See our website for a full staff directory.



Learn more about city departments and services
on Commissioner Lynn Ward Gray's AccessVision
TV show, *Keeping You Informed*. It appears on
Channels 17 and 917 at 6 p.m. Wednesdays and
online, accessvision.tv.

October: New Police Department building
November: Crime Prevention Unit

Spotlight on: Medical Marihuana Survey

On Dec. 15, the State of Michigan will begin accepting applications to permit medical marihuana licenses for five sectors — growing, processing, safety, compliance facility (testing), transporting, and provisioning center (selling).

The state will also allow local governments to permit any, or none, of these sectors in their own jurisdictions.

Before taking action to allow, or not allow, these types of licenses, the City Commission wants to gather public input about this new industry in Michigan.

Please check out **Frequently Asked Questions** about this issue, plus other related information, on our website — battlecreekmi.gov/planning.

Please take a few minutes to complete this survey, and include it in the envelope with your water bill. If you prefer, complete it online at www.surveymonkey.com/r/Z9NPTYX.

Thank you!

1. Do you (check all that apply):

- ☐ Live in Battle Creek
- ☐ Own a business in Battle Creek
- ☐ Wish to start a medical marihuana business in the city
- ☐ Live outside the city
- ☐ Own a business outside the city

2. If the City Commission

allows any medical marihuana business in the city, how much would this worry you, on a scale of 1 to 10, with 1 meaning not worried at all, and 10 meaning extremely worried.

3. Do you support growing facilities in the city?

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ Yes, with restrictions
- ☐ No

4. Do you support processing facilities (prepping product for sale) in the city?

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ Yes, with restrictions
- ☐ No

5. Do you support product testing facilities in the city?

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ Yes, with restrictions
- ☐ No

6. Do you support product transporting facilities in the city?

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ Yes, with restrictions
- ☐ No

7. Do you support medical marihuana selling facilities in the city?

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ Yes, with restrictions
- ☐ No

8. Other Michigan communities plan to prohibit these businesses within 500 to 1,000 feet of schools, parks, churches, day cares, and residential areas. Should Battle Creek do the same?

- ☐ Yes, prohibit 500 feet
- ☐ Yes, prohibit 1,000 feet

- ☐ Yes, prohibit either 500 or 1,000 feet
- ☐ No, do not prohibit

9. The city has drafted maps to show potential areas in the city where these businesses might be allowed and prohibited. Do you support limiting locations for these potential businesses?

(View these at battlecreekmi.gov/planning.)

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No
- ☐ I don't care

10. Should the city limit the number of medical marihuana permits to control industry growth?

- ☐ Yes, limit the number
- ☐ No, don't limit the number

11. Should the city regulate the following, related to these businesses? Check all you believe should be regulated.

- ☐ Hours of operation
- ☐ Location
- ☐ Building security
- ☐ Signage
- ☐ Seeing products from the street
- ☐ Distance between marihuana businesses
- ☐ All of the above
- ☐ None of the above
- Other _____



Have other comments about the new medical marihuana facility industry in Michigan?

Please email us your comments at PublicInput@battlecreekmi.gov or call the Planning Division, 269-966-3320